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1. As of 23 June the laying of about 95 miles of tracks has been completed on the Ch'engtu-Chungking Railroad. By the end of June, the laying of tracks will be completed to Yungchuan (105-52, 29-22), about 105 miles from Chungking.¹
2. In mid-June construction was being rushed on the Kansu-Sinkiang Railroad, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 1951 (C-6). In mid-February a conference regarding the construction of this railroad was held in Sian attended by about a hundred Communist officials, including P'ENG Te-huai, Minister of Railways T'ENG T'ai-yuan, Vice Ministers of Railways SHIH Chih-jen (石志仁)² and WU Ch'ing-t'ien (武競天), and the directors and deputy directors of various railroad administrations. The following decisions were made at the conference:

- a. To employ 800,000 civilian laborers and 200,000 Chinese Communist troops for the construction.
- b. To dispatch a group of engineers to survey the proposed route beginning on 10 March.
- c. To start construction on 1 April 1951.
- d. To obtain the services of 1,220 Soviet engineers and technical experts to supervise construction.

1. ☐ Comment. ☐ reported that 78 miles of the railroad had been completed by May.
2. ☐ Comment. SHIH Chih-jen was reported as the chief engineer of Lai-pin-Chennankuan Engineering Department. ☐

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